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Hey, Boomers...

STC gives it to you *straight* this issue in the shape of a fab **FREE Sonic Ruler** - now there's no excuse for wobbly lines in your maths books (you humes have all the fun!). Other goodies include the beginning of THREE new stories - so come closer...

First off, Sonic gets a call to help prevent pollution on a massive scale in **Crisis In The Chemical Plant Zone.**

On the Tails front, a series of robberies have taken place in the Eldorado Zone. Now Darts Champion, Eric Bungalow is the latest citizen to be pilfered from, and no prizes for guessing who gets accused in the concluding part of **Fall of The Leaf.**

It's way past Chuck's bedtime at Castle Frank N Stein but he's too excited to sleep! Yes, he's turned secret snack attacker in part one of a brand new **Decap Attack** story (well, could you resist Barbecued Gibbon flavour Slurp A Cheese - I should hope so!).

Amy and Tekno are trying to find their way back to Planet Mobius after their recent adventure in space. However, their sense of direction's gone askew as they begin another new adventure, entitled **Earthbound.**

Plus, there's a sharp **Metallix Mark 1 Pin-Up**, plus your **Metal Gurus Graphic Zone** artwork.

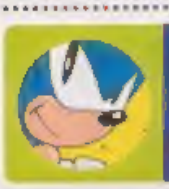
So Boomers, meet me here again in two weeks, when they'll be a chance to win one of **five** terrific bikes (see below). *STC* - the comic you never tyre of!

Megadroid

CAN YOU HANDLE *STC* 115's WHEELY GOOD COMPO?

How many of you have been told to get on your bike? More than a few no doubt, and next issue you get the chance to do just that in a red hot compo which sees not one, but *five* Mountain bikes up for grabs; *plus*, you can also win the essential safety gear too!

So make sure you make like greased lightning and head for your newsagents on the first day of October!



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CRISIS IN THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE

NEW PART 1

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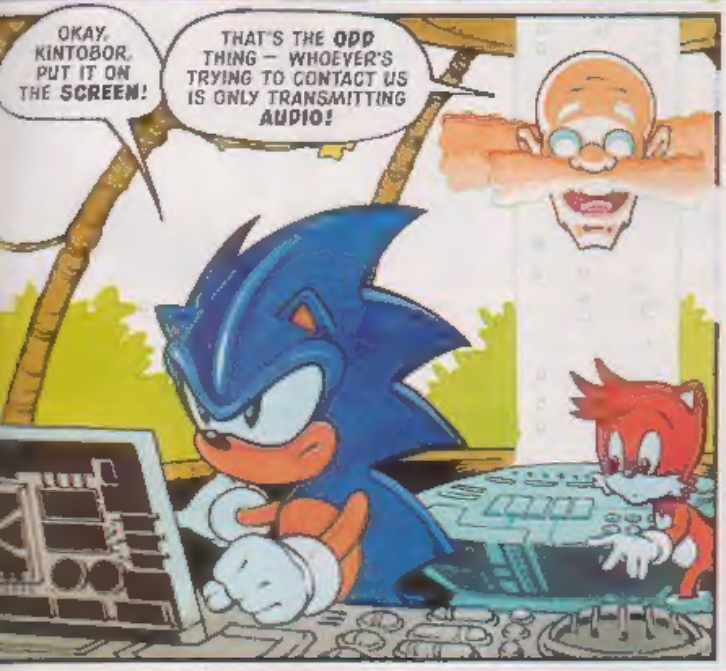
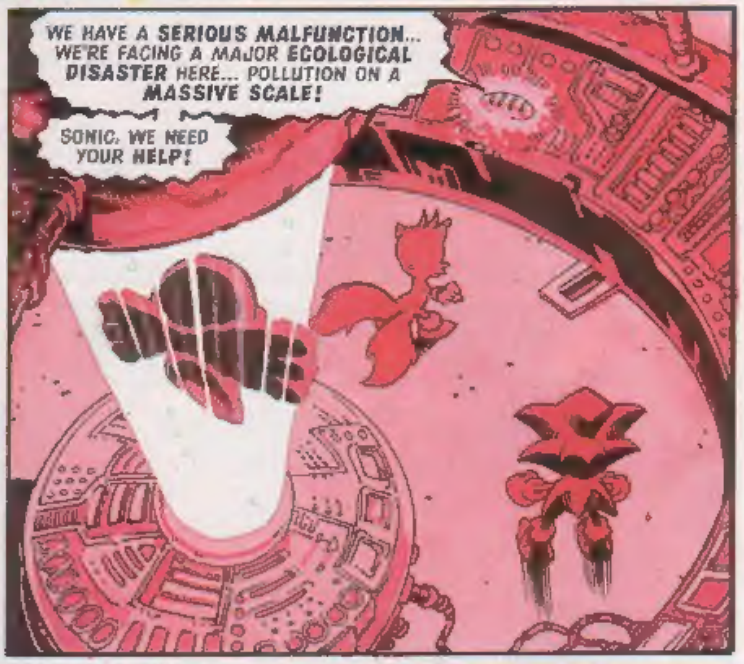
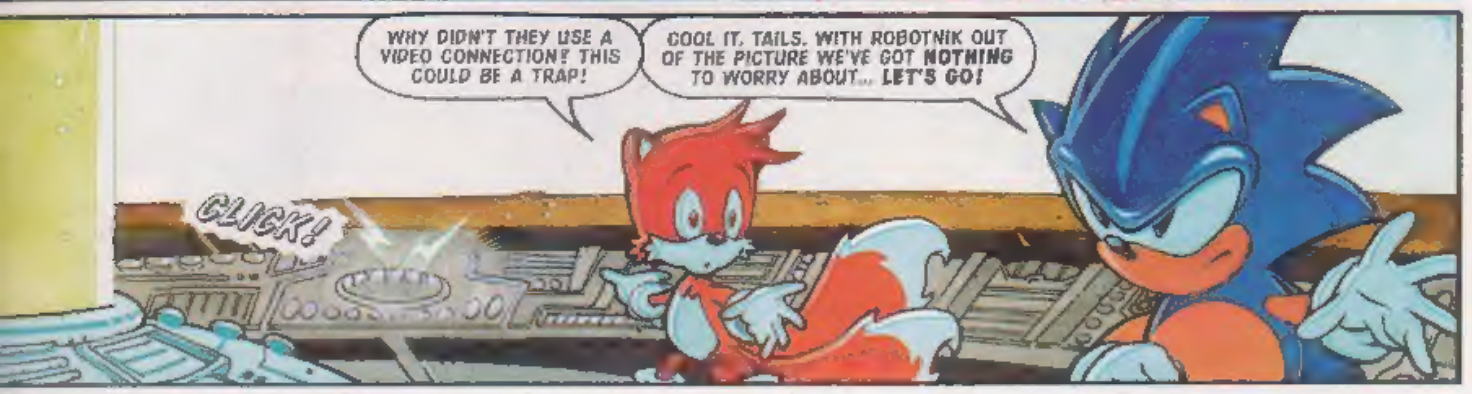
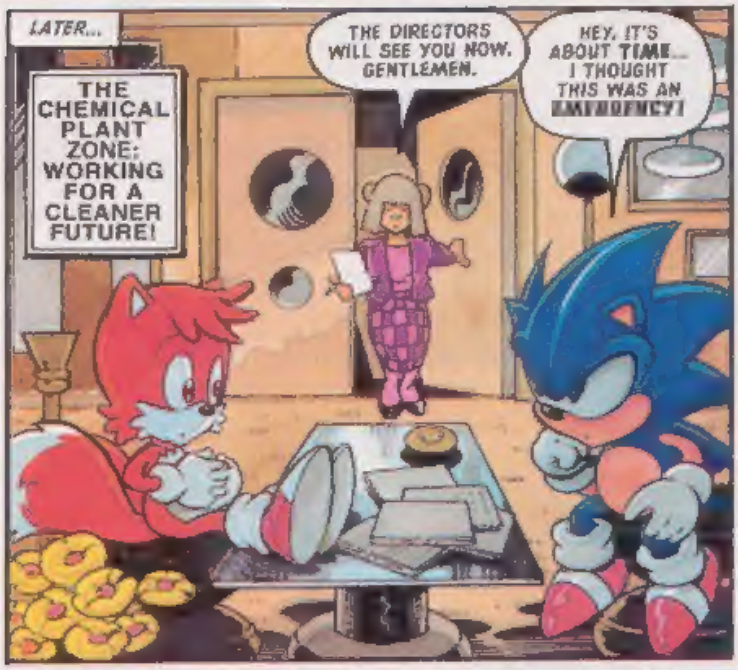
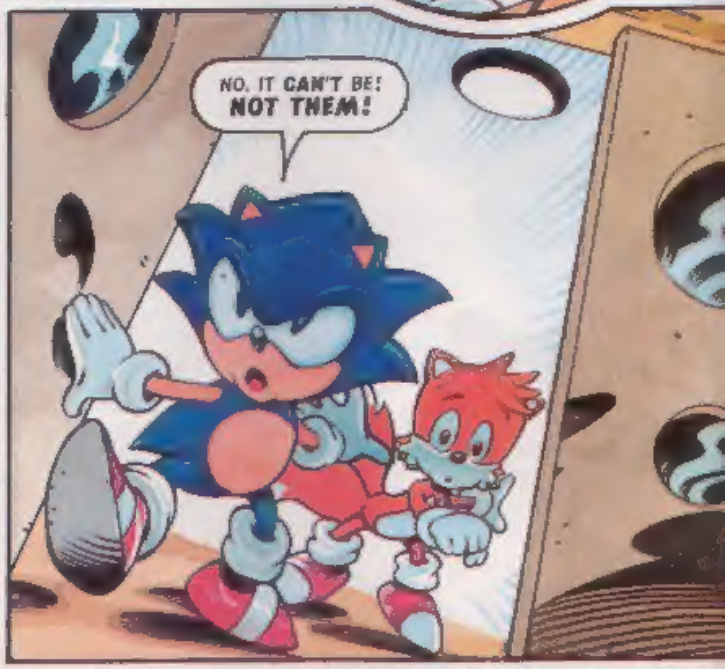


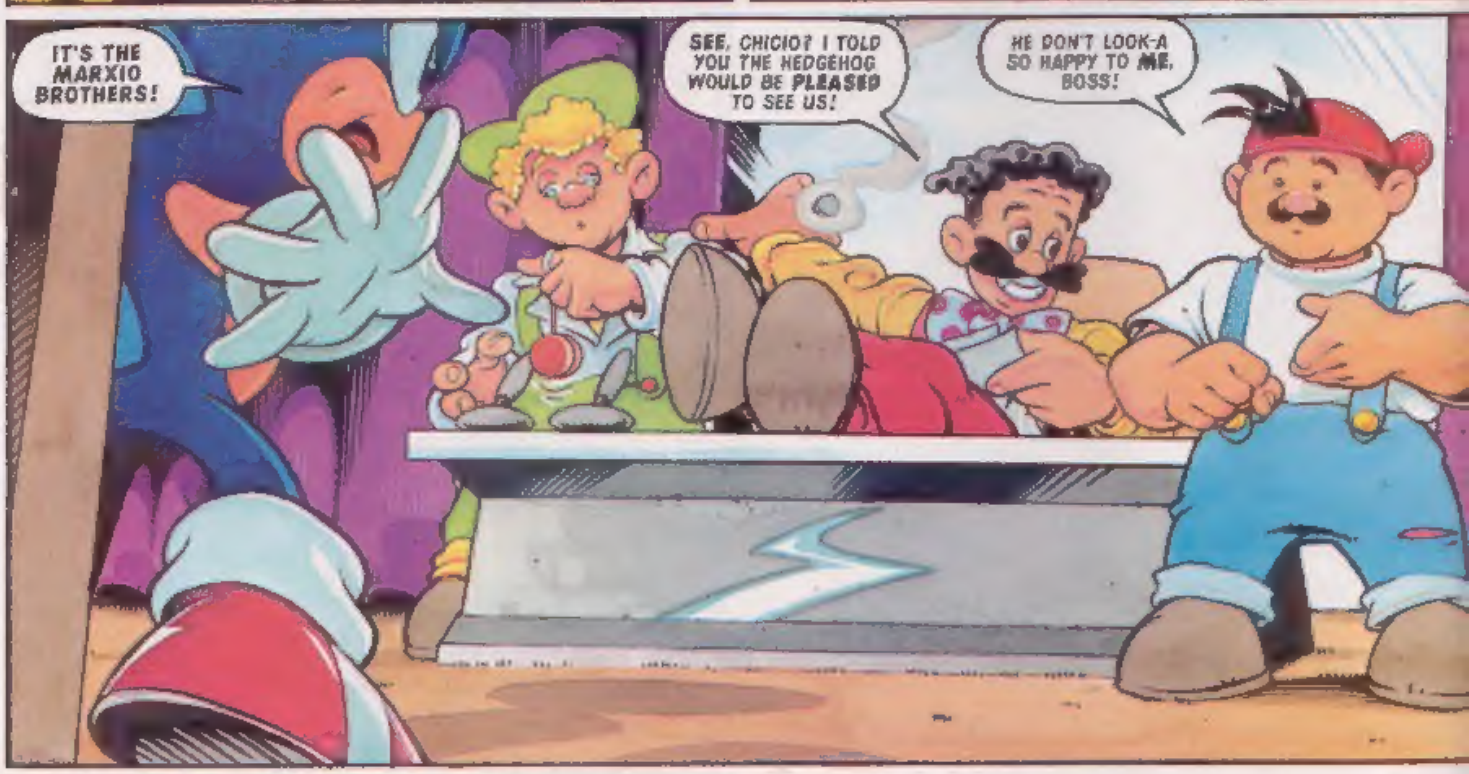


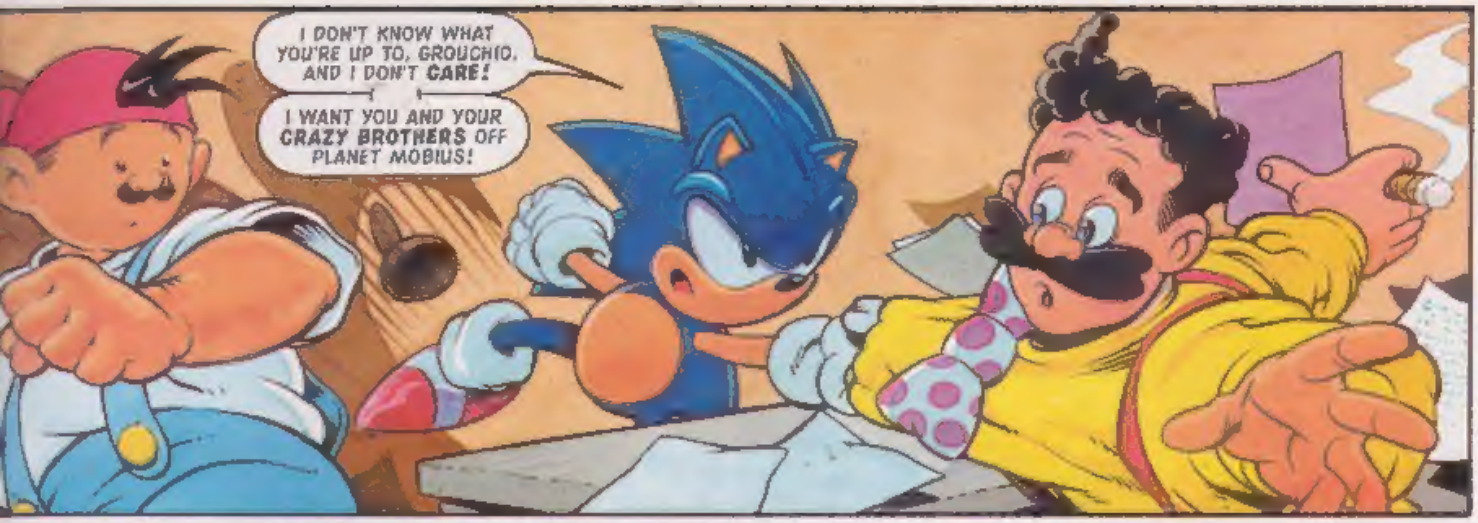


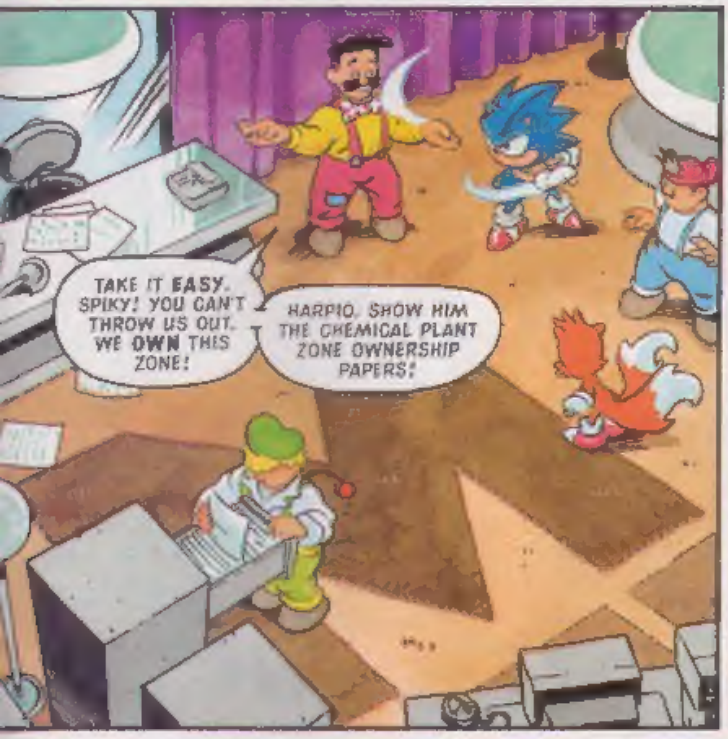
SOON, IN THE SKIES ABOVE THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE...
SONIC, DO YOU REALLY THINK THE CHEMICAL PLANT PEOPLE CAN TURN THIS ZONE INTO AN ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY AREA?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT THEY'VE GOT TO TRY!
MOBIUS STILL NEEDS ITS INDUSTRIES IF IT'S GOING TO PROSPER!


LATER...
THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE: WORKING FOR A CLEANER FUTURE!
THE DIRECTORS WILL SEE YOU NOW, GENTLEMEN.
HEY, IT'S ABOUT TIME... I THOUGHT THIS WAS AN EMERGENCY!

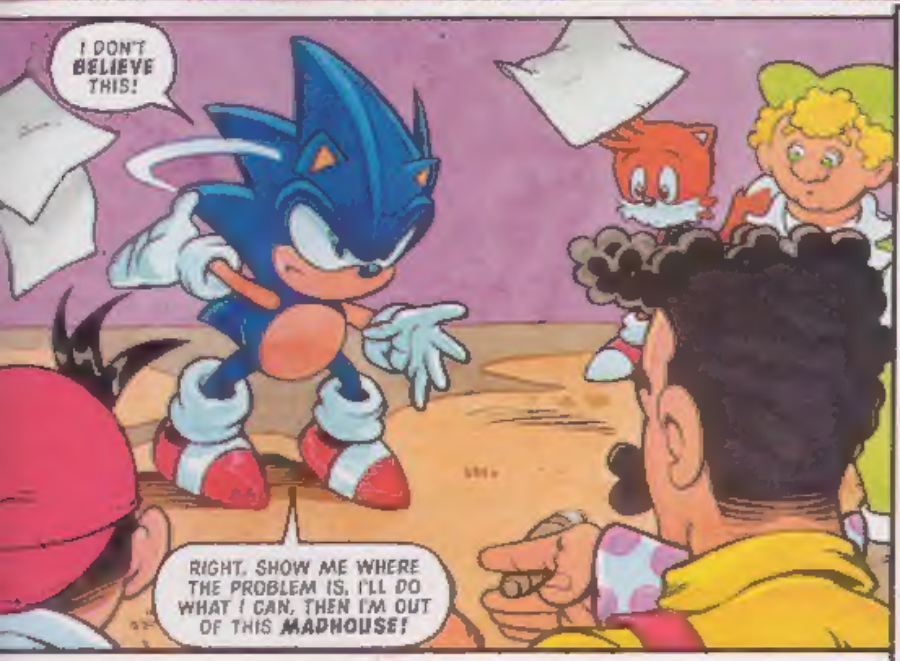

NO, IT CAN'T BE! NOT THEM!


IT'S THE MARXIO BROTHERS!
SEE, CHICIO? I TOLD YOU THE HEDGEHOG WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE US!
HE DON'T LOOK-A SO HAPPY TO ME, BOSS!

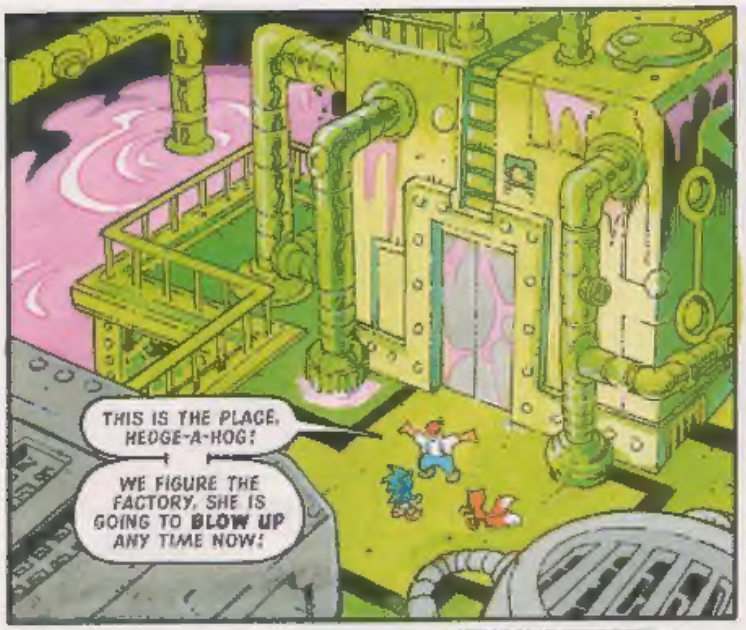

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO, GROUCHIO, AND I DON'T CARE!
I WANT YOU AND YOUR CRAZY BROTHERS OFF PLANET MOBIUS!


TAKE IT EASY, SPIKY! YOU CAN'T THROW US OUT. WE OWN THIS ZONE!
HARPIO, SHOW HIM THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE OWNERSHIP PAPERS!

AND ALL THAT UNPLEASANTNESS FROM BEFORE... WELL, THE NICE PEOPLE OF MOBIUS HAVE GIVEN US A FREE PARDON!
THAT'S A-RIGHT! WE WAS MISLED BY THAT WICKED DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!


I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!
RIGHT. SHOW ME WHERE THE PROBLEM IS. I'LL DO WHAT I CAN, THEN I'M OUT OF THIS MADHOUSE!

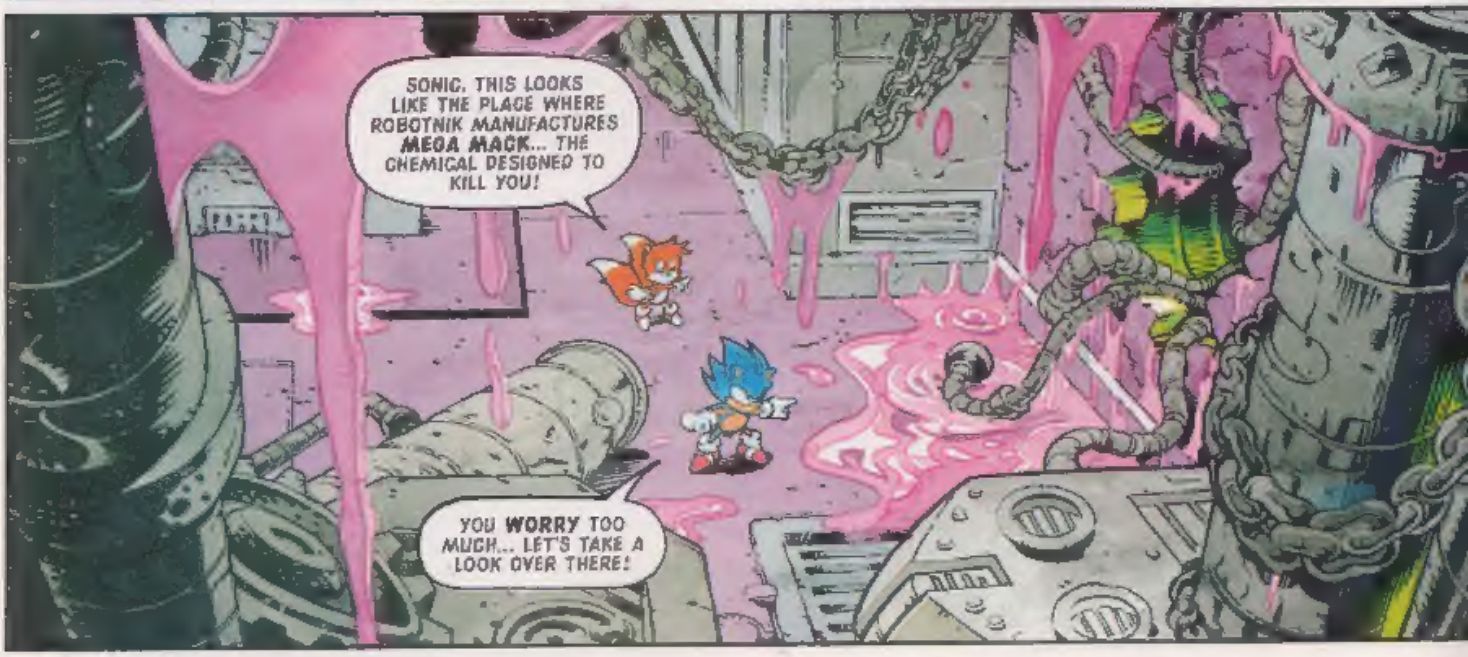
OKEY-DOKEY! I'M-A IN CHARGE OF PLANT SAFETY. YOU COME-A WITH ME!
YOU? IN CHARGE OF SAFETY? THIS GETS WORSE!

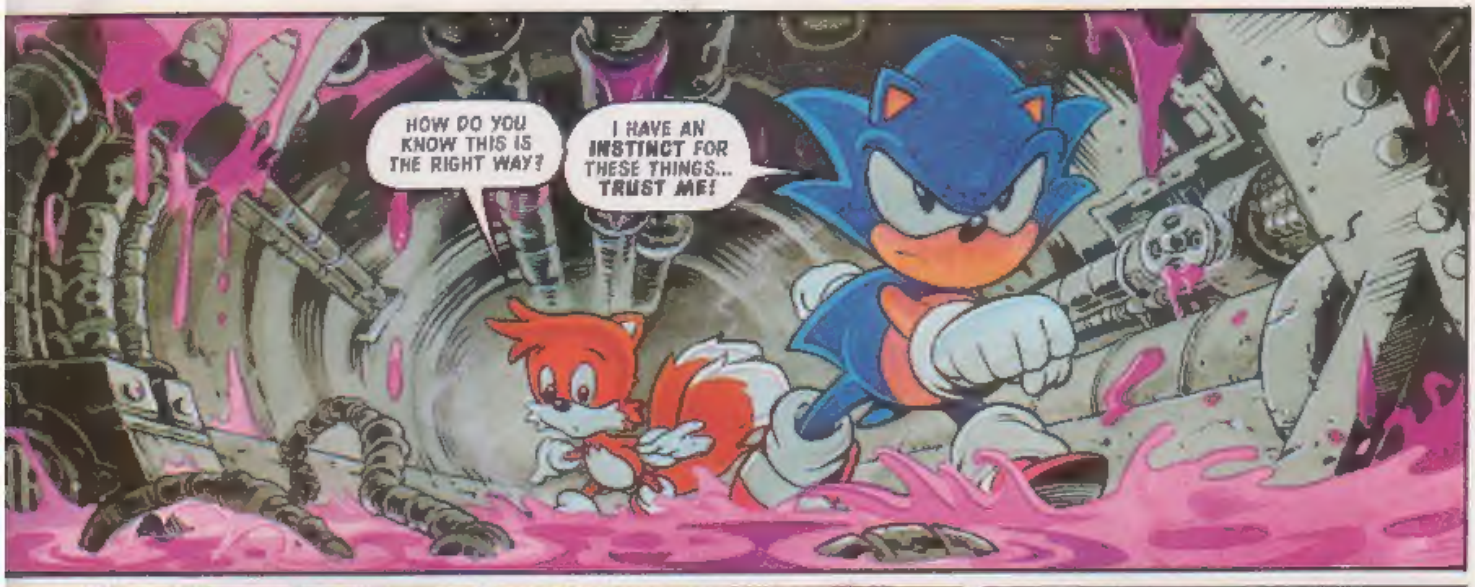

THIS IS THE PLACE, HEDGE-A-HOG!
WE FIGURE THE FACTORY, SHE IS GOING TO BLOW UP ANY TIME NOW!

THIS IS SOME KIND OF TRICK!
SONIC AND I AREN'T EXPERTS IN THIS KIND OF JOB! WHY DON'T YOU SEND IN YOUR OWN TECHNICIANS?

HAH! SURE, WE TRIED THAT! THEY ALL CAME A-RUNNING BACK SCARED HALF TO DEATH!
DON' WORRY ABOUT IT... THOSE TECHNO GUYS ARE ALL CRAZY!

I DON'T THINK THIS IS A VERY GOOD IDEA. AND...
LOOK, TAILS, YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME...


SONIC, THIS LOOKS LIKE THE PLACE WHERE ROBOTNIK MANUFACTURES MEGA MACK... THE CHEMICAL DESIGNED TO KILL YOU!
YOU WORRY TOO MUCH... LET'S TAKE A LOOK OVER THERE!


HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY?
I HAVE AN INSTINCT FOR THESE THINGS... TRUST ME!

WHAT DID I TELL YOU?

YEP! I SAY WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK!
YAAA!

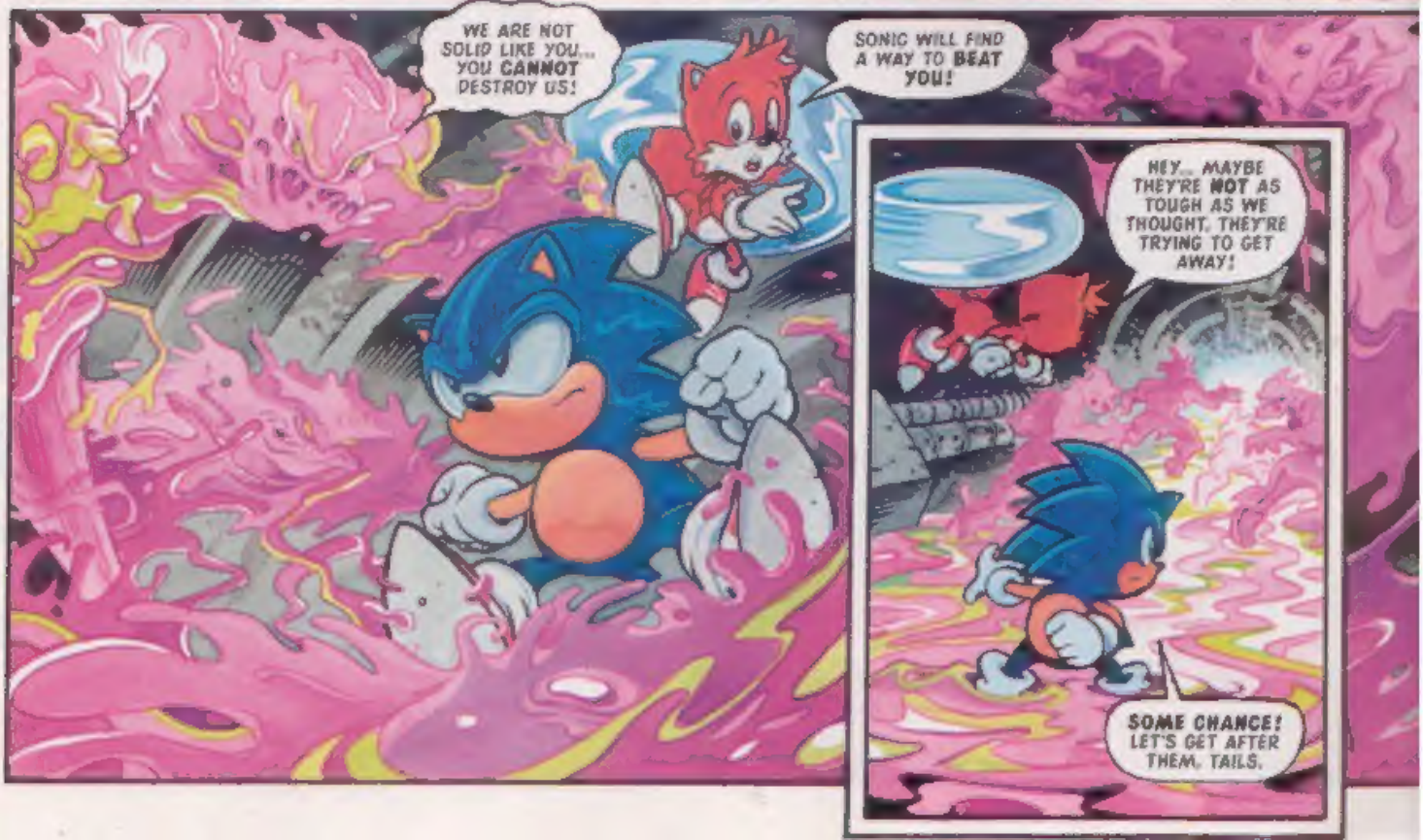
SO SONIC, WE FINALLY MEET AGAIN!
WE DO? WELL, YOU BOYS CAN'T HAVE MADE MUCH OF AN IMPRESSION 'CAUSE I DON'T REMEMBER YOU!

THEN PERHAPS THIS WILL REMIND YOU!
YEUUUURG!

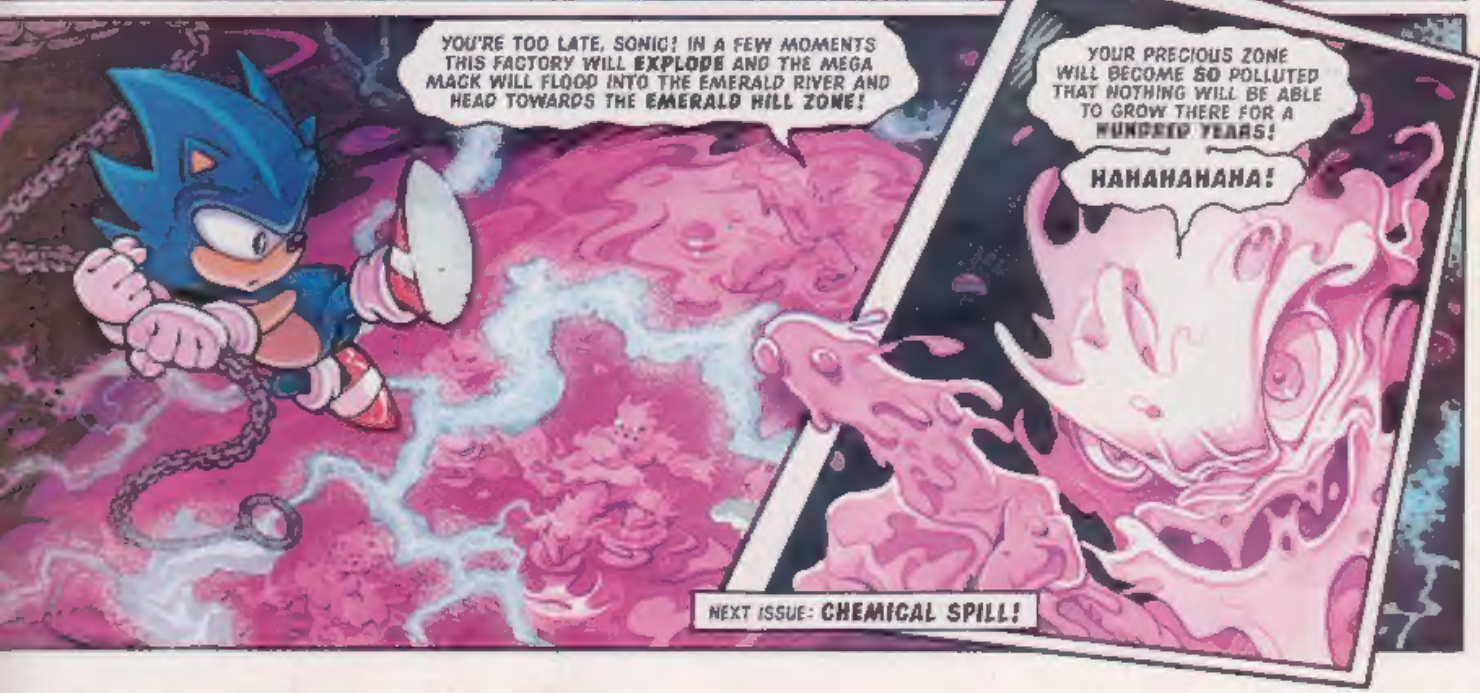
SONIC, ARE YOU OKAY?
NEVER BETTER, PAL!

I WISH THAT WERE TRUE! THESE CREATURES ARE MADE OF ROBOTNIK'S MEGA MACK... ANY MORE OF THIS AND I'M GOING TO WIND UP SERIOUSLY POISONED!
I'M ALREADY FEELING DIZZY!

LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE A LITTLE TASTE OF MY SONIC SPEED!
AAAAA!


WE ARE NOT SOLID LIKE YOU... YOU CANNOT DESTROY US!
SONIC WILL FIND A WAY TO BEAT YOU!
HEY... MAYBE THEY'RE NOT AS TOUGH AS WE THOUGHT. THEY'RE TRYING TO GET AWAY!
SOME CHANCE! LET'S GET AFTER THEM, TAILS.

WOW... LOOK AT THIS PLACE!
YEP! IF ANYWHERE IS DUE TO BLOW UP, THIS IS THE PLACE ALL RIGHT!


YOU'RE TOO LATE, SONIC! IN A FEW MOMENTS THIS FACTORY WILL EXPLODE AND THE MEGA MACK WILL FLOOD INTO THE EMERALD RIVER AND HEAD TOWARDS THE EMERALD HILL ZONE!
YOUR PRECIOUS ZONE WILL BECOME SO POLLUTED THAT NOTHING WILL BE ABLE TO GROW THERE FOR A HUNDRED YEARS!
HAHAHAHAHA!
NEXT ISSUE: CHEMICAL SPILL!

THE ELDORADO ZONE, WHERE A SERIES OF ROBBERIES HAVE TAKEN PLACE! DART'S CHAMPION ERIC BUNGALOW RETURNS HOME TO FIND...
MY 21-CARAT GOLD TROPHY! GONE!

THERE'S THE LOUSY THIEF! IT LOOKS LIKE TAILS!

HEY! TAILS HAS PINCHED MY TROPHY!
OH NO I DIDN'T!
tails
Fall of the Leaf

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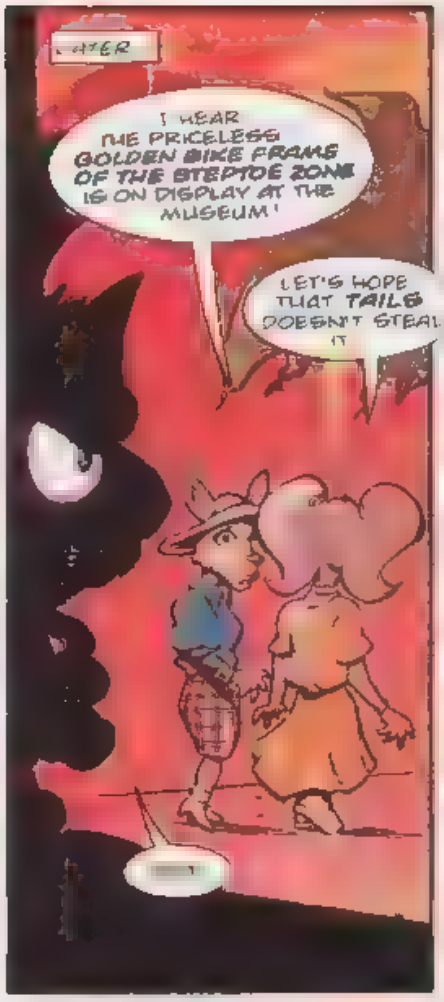
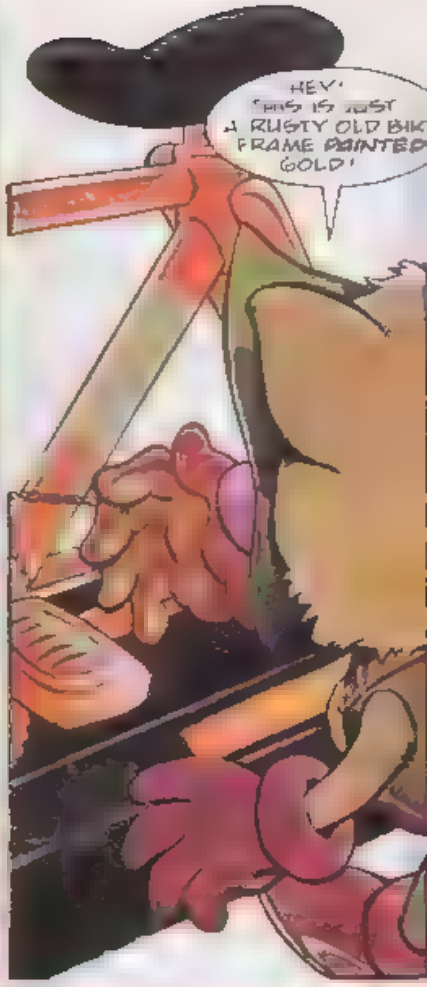
-Megadroid


LATER
I HEAR THE PRICELESS GOLDEN BIKE FRAME OF THE STEPTOE ZONE IS ON DISPLAY AT THE MUSEUM!
LET'S HOPE THAT TAILG DOESN'T STEAL IT

MINE


HEY! THIS IS JUST A RUSTY OLD BIKE FRAME PAINTED GOLD!

CAUGHT YOU RED, or, GOLD HANDED!
SO! A SET-UP!

HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT TO CATCH THE LEAF-MASTER THIEF!

AFTER ALL THE HASSLE YOU'VE CAUSED ME, I AM NOT LETTING YOU GET AWAY NOW!
MY MECHANICAL WINGS CAN OUT FLY YOUR PATHETIC TAILS ANY DAY!
WE'LL SEE!
ADMIT IT, TAILS YOU'RE OUTCLASSED!
AT LEAST I'M NOT AN OUTLAW!
IT WAS FUN WHEN YOU WERE BLAMED FOR MY CRIMES, BUT THE WORLD SHOULD KNOW THAT THE LEAF IS THE MOST BRILLIANT UNSTOPPABLE THIEF OF ALL TIME!
HAH! WHY NOT GIVE UP? YOU'RE TOO TIRED TO CATCH ME NOW
GASP!

NEXT ISSUE A NEW TAILS ADVENTURE - WEATHER BEATEN!

SPEED LINES

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TYNE OUT

Dear Megabrain

I've been collecting STC since issue 61 as I thoroughly enjoy it however it seems to me that not many names from the north east of England send in letters

Jake Campbell,
South Shields, Tyne & Wear.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

Why no Jake? On the other hand, perhaps a large percentage are too busy writing letters of complaint to Kenny Dalglish, whose natural creator name Nigel Kitching would be blocking up your post boxes with his scripts and artwork!

James Kent
Grafton Flyford, Worcs
Enamel Badge Prize Winner

Darren Wiltshire, Burntwood, Staffs
Enamel Badge Prize Winner

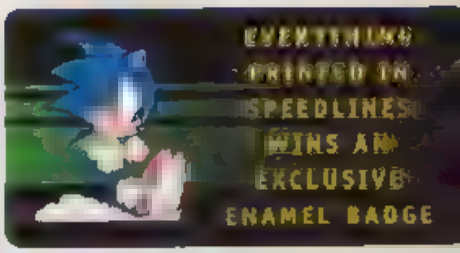
VIDEO NASTY

Dear STC

I thought I'd share with you my idea of a great evening in - I'd put my feet up and settle down to watch a favourite video which would be something called either 'Sonic's Death' or 'Sonic Eats Amy'. Incidentally Tails is a big puff!

Scott A Hudson,
(age 98),
Colne, Lancs.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

Would these be bootleg videos, Scott? As for Tails, it's true things can get rather windy once his tails start propelling!



Dear STC

I have never seen such stupid in a comic, they're ace. I'm sure all of my friends agree. One of them even tried to make his own STC but was nowhere near as good as the real thing. The only thing I'm miffed about is that I don't know how Doctor Robotnik's sidekick Grimer came on the STC scene.

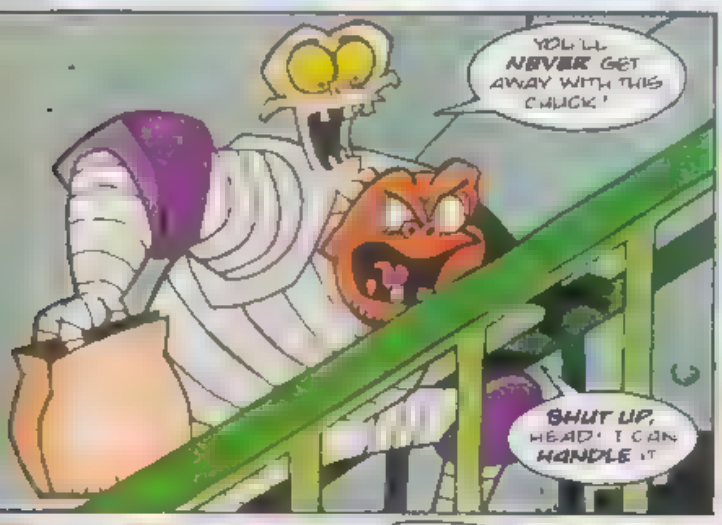
David Mulgrew,
Swadlincote, Derbyshire.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

STC's Nigel Kitching, who originally got the name from Grimer Worm tongue, a character created back in the 1920's by a writer/illustrator called Melvyn Peake. Never let it be said Sonic that STC isn't educational as well as enjoyable.

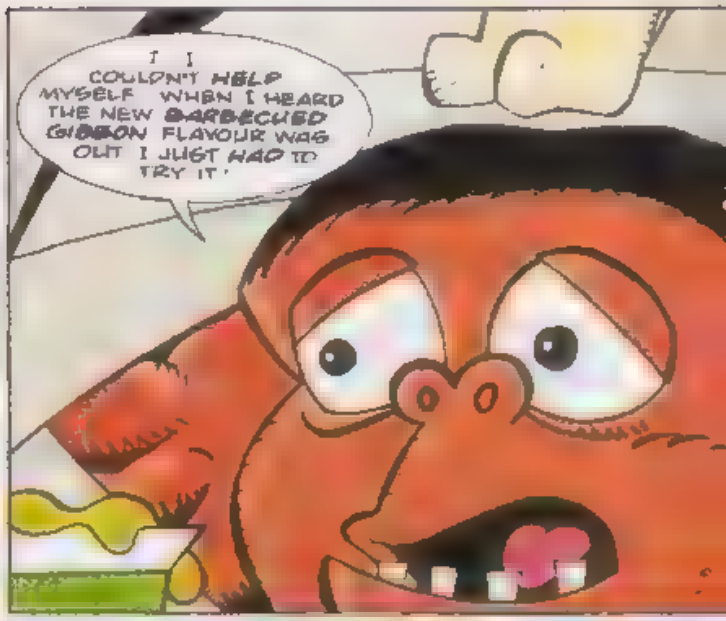
Decap Attack

CHUCK AND THE CHEESE FACTORY

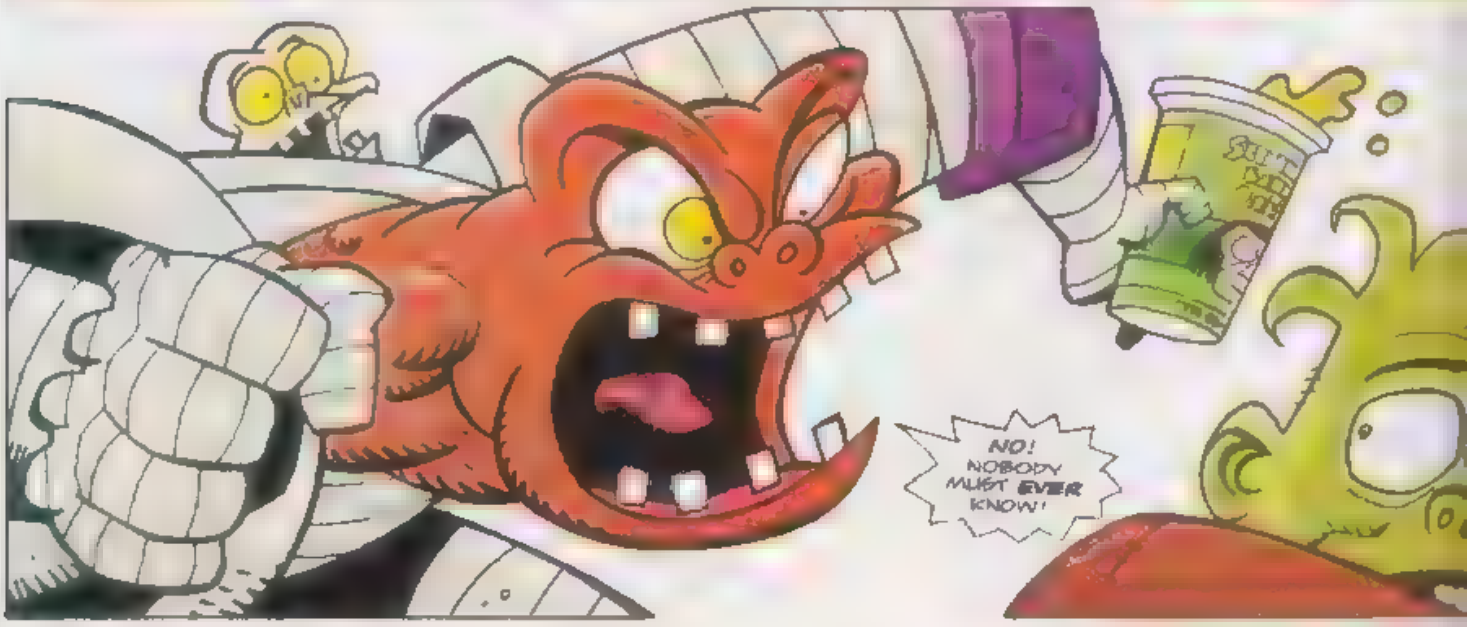
Script: NIGEL KITCHING & RICHARD RAYNER Art: NIGEL KITCHING Lettering: ELITTA FELL



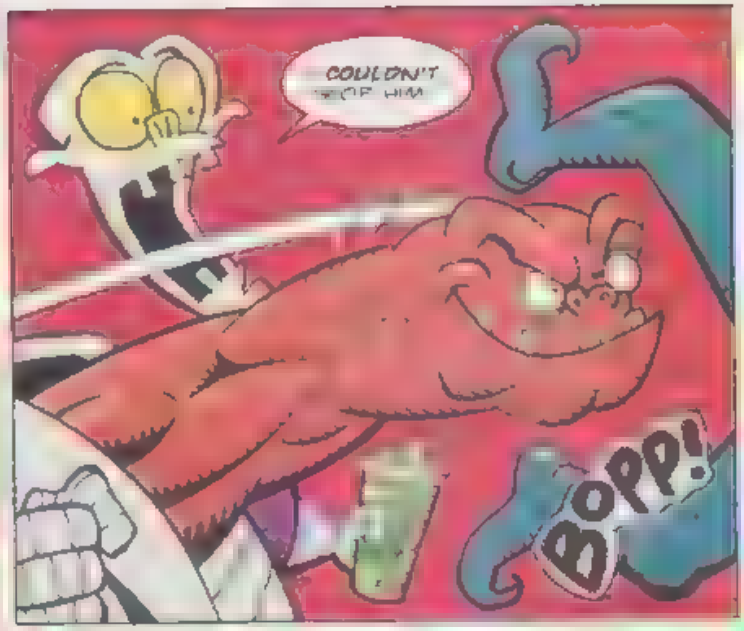
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! HOW CAN YOU EAT THIS MUCK!
I KNEW YOU WERE UP TO SOMETHING SLICK, BUT I NEVER DREAMT YOU'D SINK THIS LOW


I I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF WHEN I HEARD THE NEW BARBECUED GIBBON FLAVOUR WAS OUT I JUST HAD TO TRY IT!

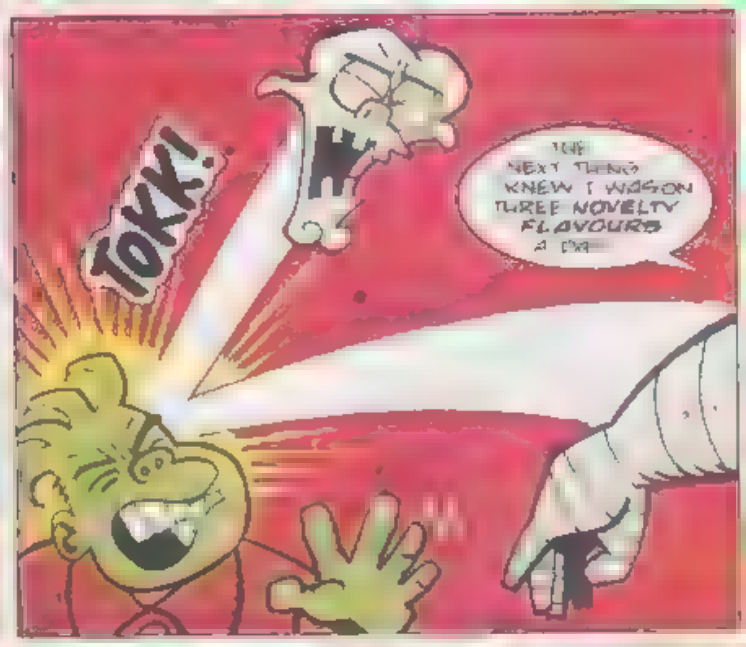
YOU ACTUALLY LIKE SLURP-A CHEESE? WAIT UNTIL THE PROFESSOR HEARS ABOUT THIS
YOUR SECRET'S OUT


NO! NOBODY MUST EVER KNOW!

SLURP H CHEESE! YEUCKK! THE STUFF LOOKS THE SAME COMING OUT AS IT DOES GOING IN.


COULDN'T STOP HIM
BOPP!

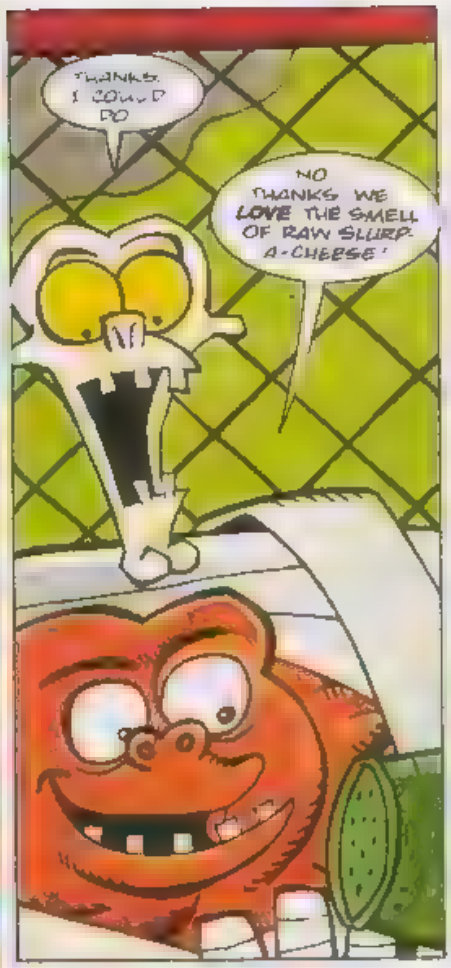
I THOUGHT I'D TRY IT JUST ONCE


TOKK!
THE NEXT THING I KNEW I WAS ON THREE NOVELTY FLAVOURS A DAY

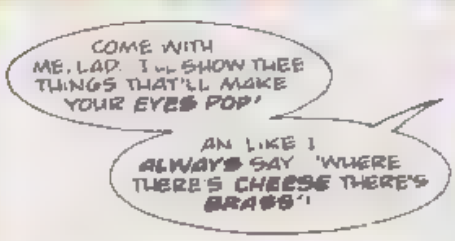
HUH?

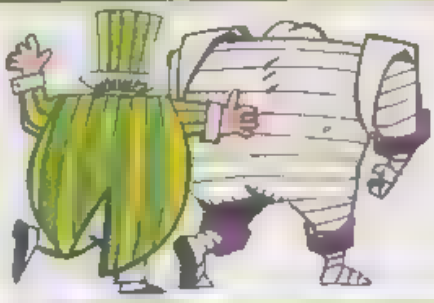
THIS IS AMAZING. I'VE WON A TOUR OF THE SLURP A CHEESE FACTORY!
OH JOLLY

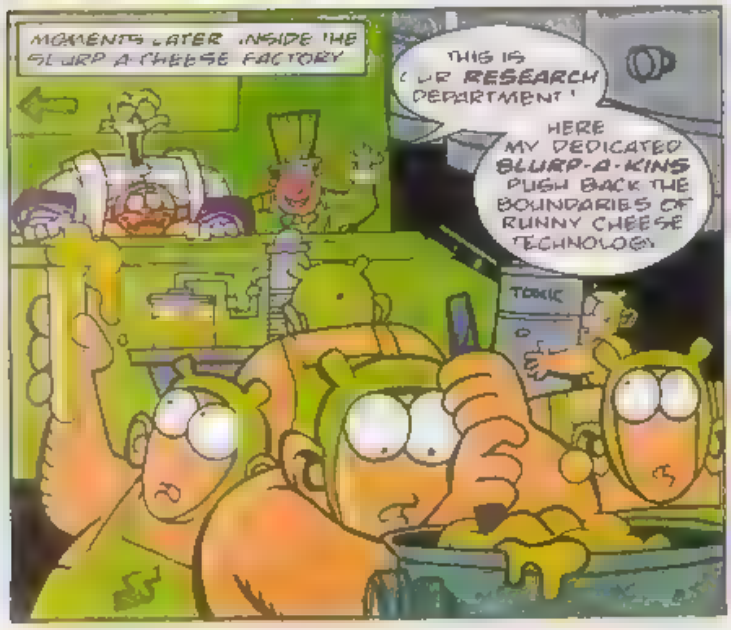
WE'RE HERE FOR THE TOUR!
I'D TAKE THESE IF I WERE YOU IT GETS A BIT WHIFFY AROUND HERE!

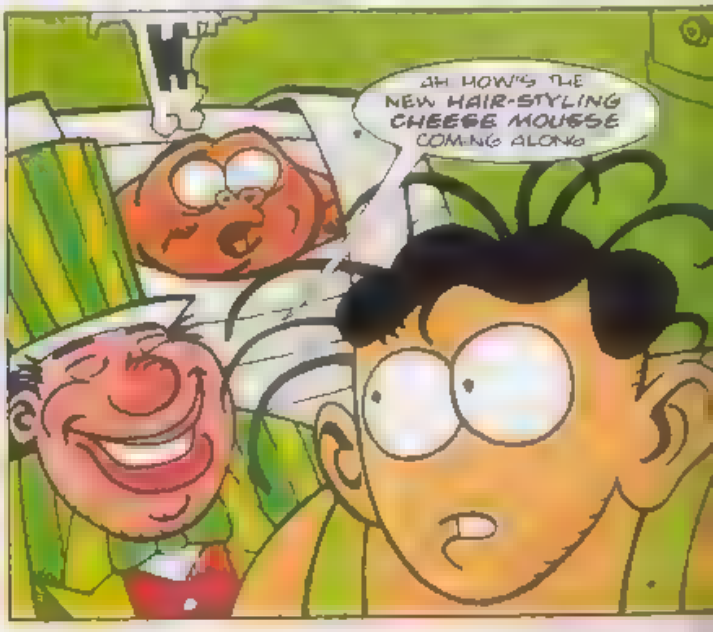

THANKS, I COULD DO
NO THANKS WE LOVE THE SMELL OF RAW SLURP-A-CHEESE!

WELCOME WELCOME TO MY WORLD OF CHEESE!
CURDLE'S THE NAME CHEESE IS THE GAME


COME WITH ME, LAD. I'LL SHOW THEE THINGS THAT'LL MAKE YOUR EYES POP!
AN LIKE I ALWAYS SAY 'WHERE THERE'S CHEESE THERE'S BRASS'!




MOMENTS LATER INSIDE THE SLURP-A-CHEESE FACTORY
THIS IS OUR RESEARCH DEPARTMENT!
HERE MY DEDICATED SLURP-A-KINS PUSH BACK THE BOUNDARIES OF RUNNY CHEESE TECHNOLOGY
TOXIC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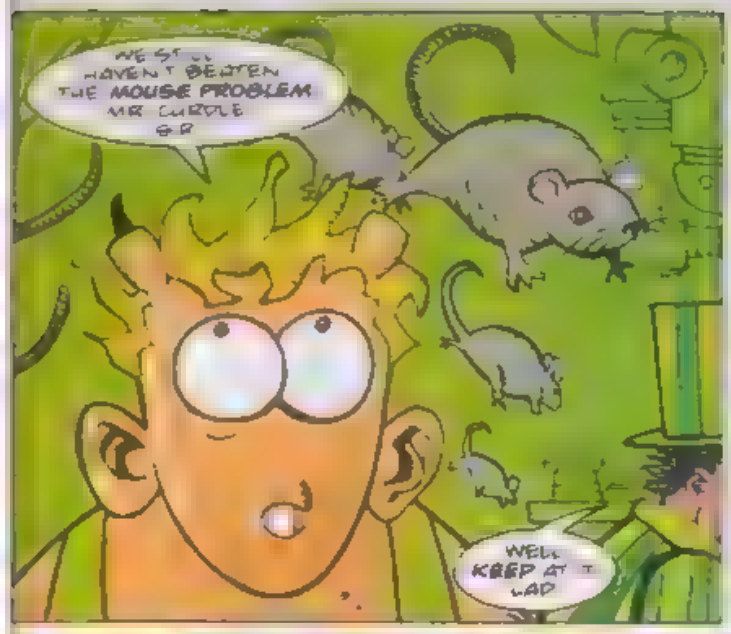

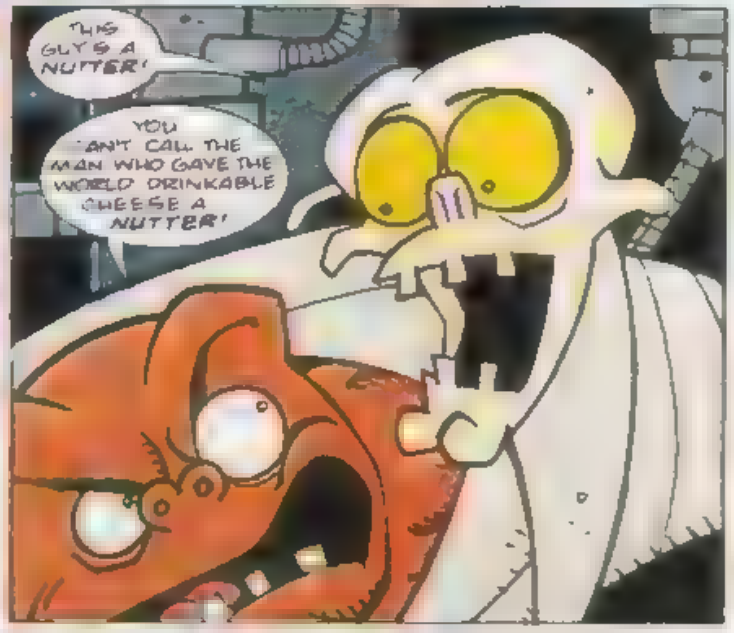

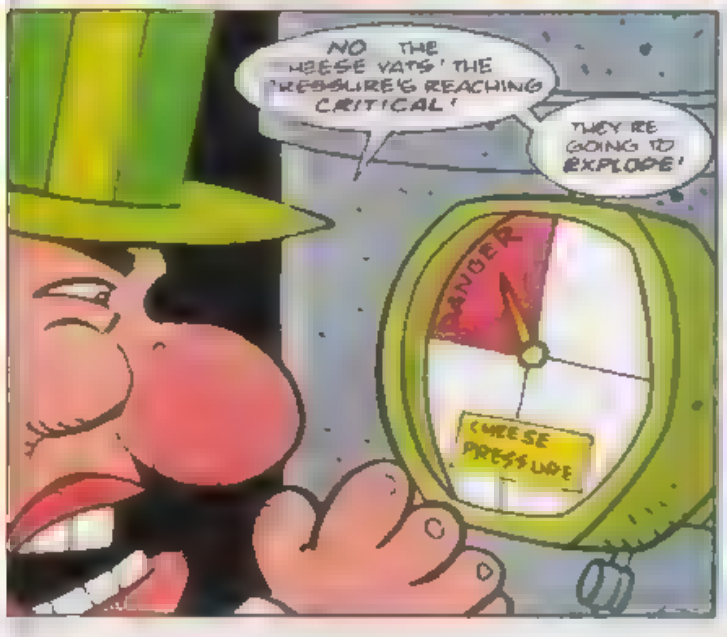

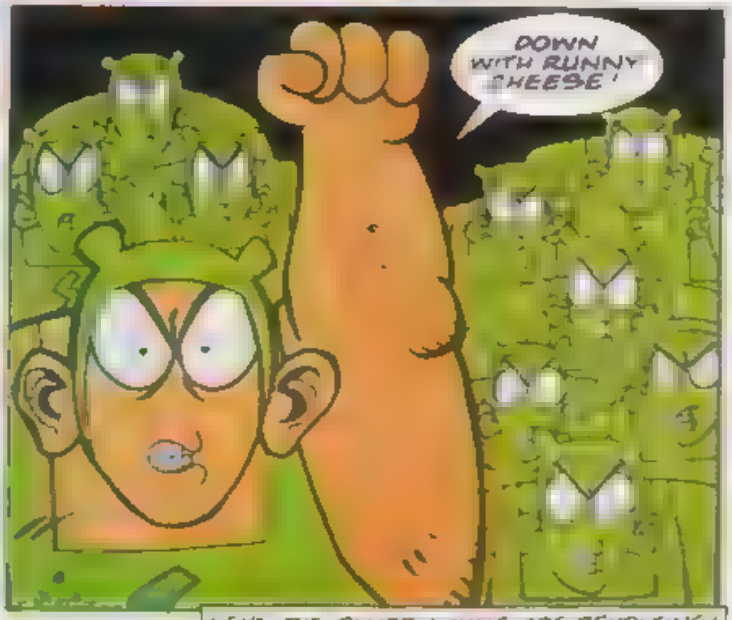

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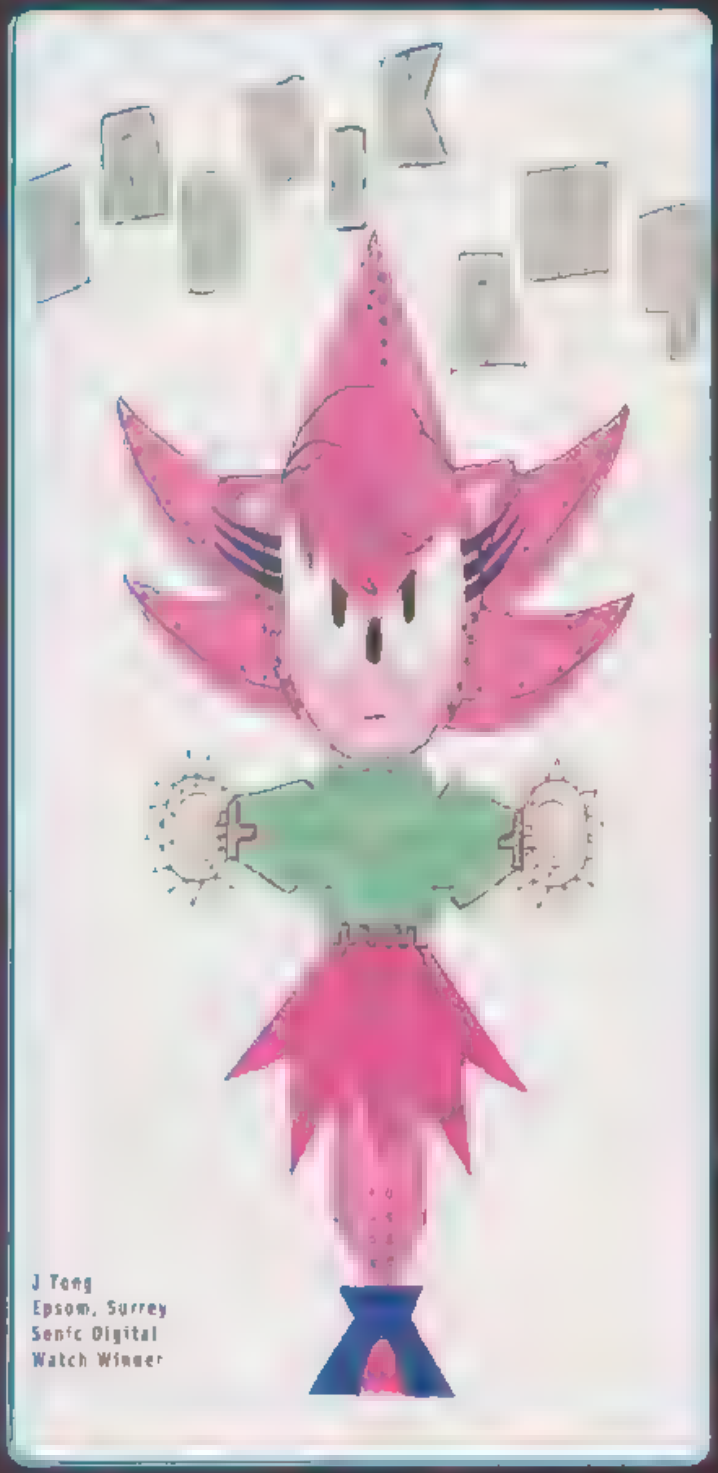

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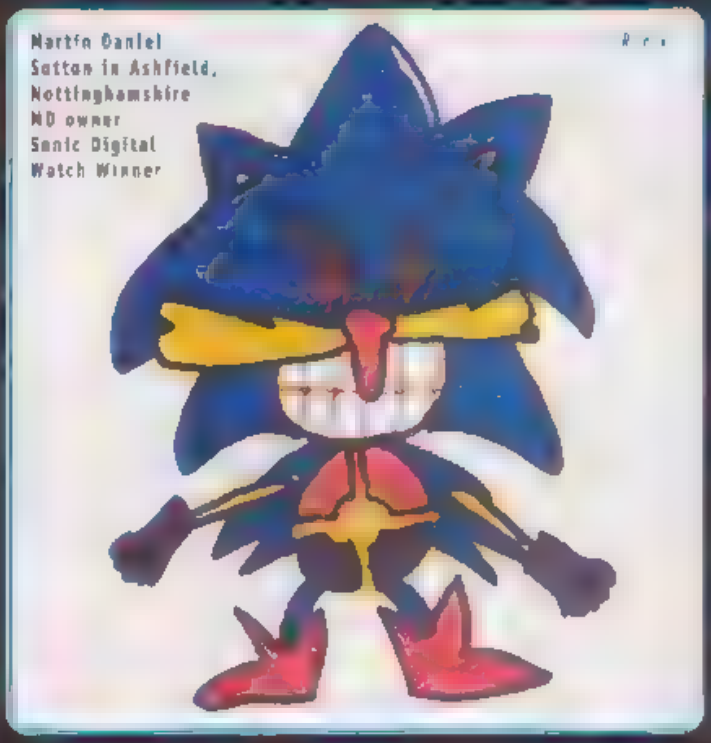

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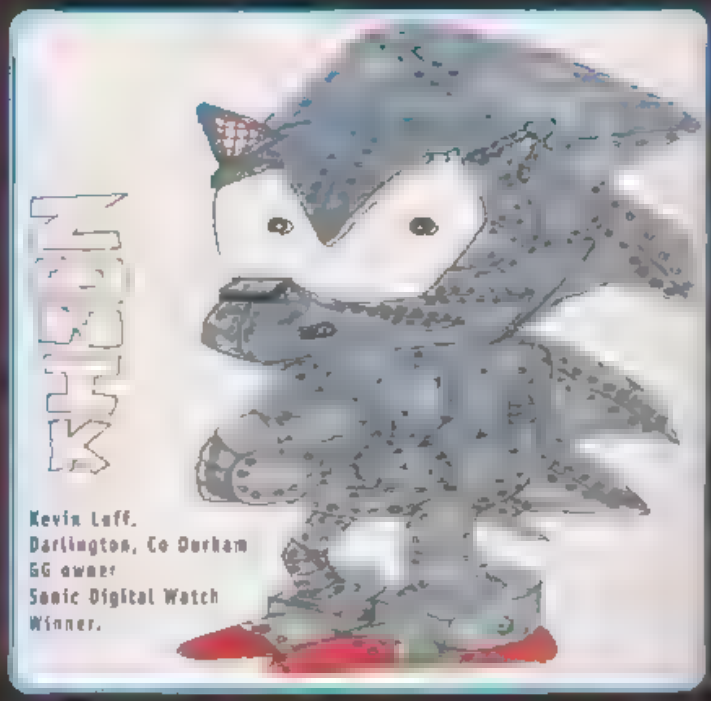

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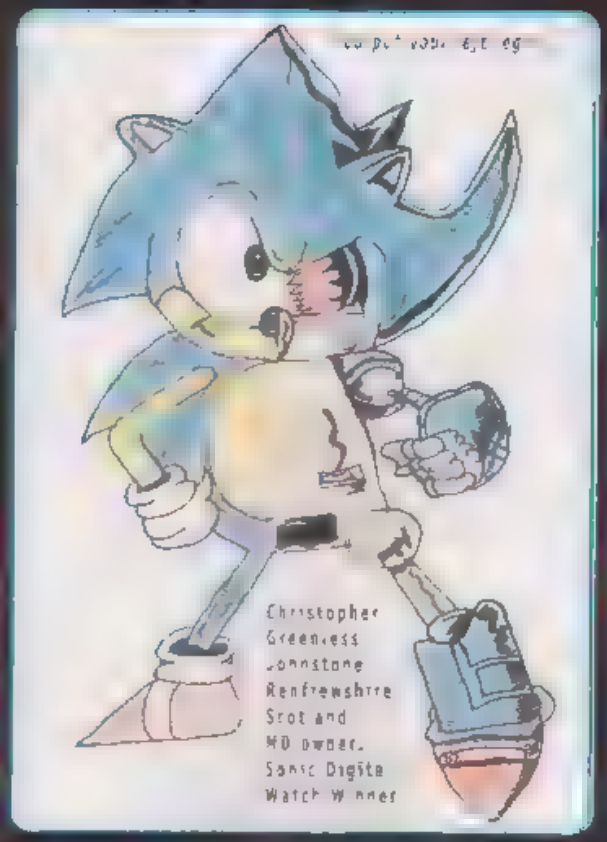

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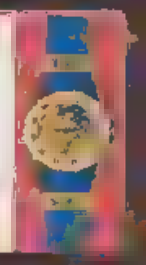

EARTHBOUND

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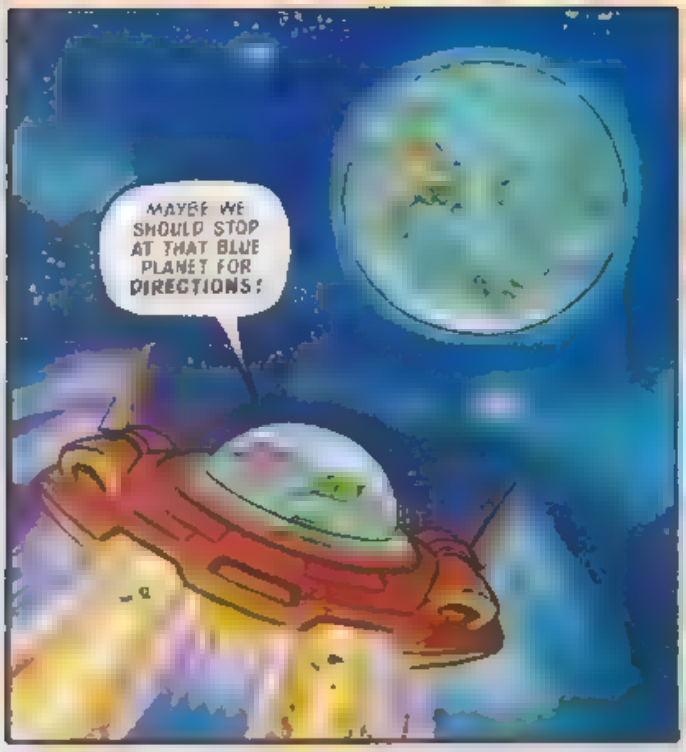
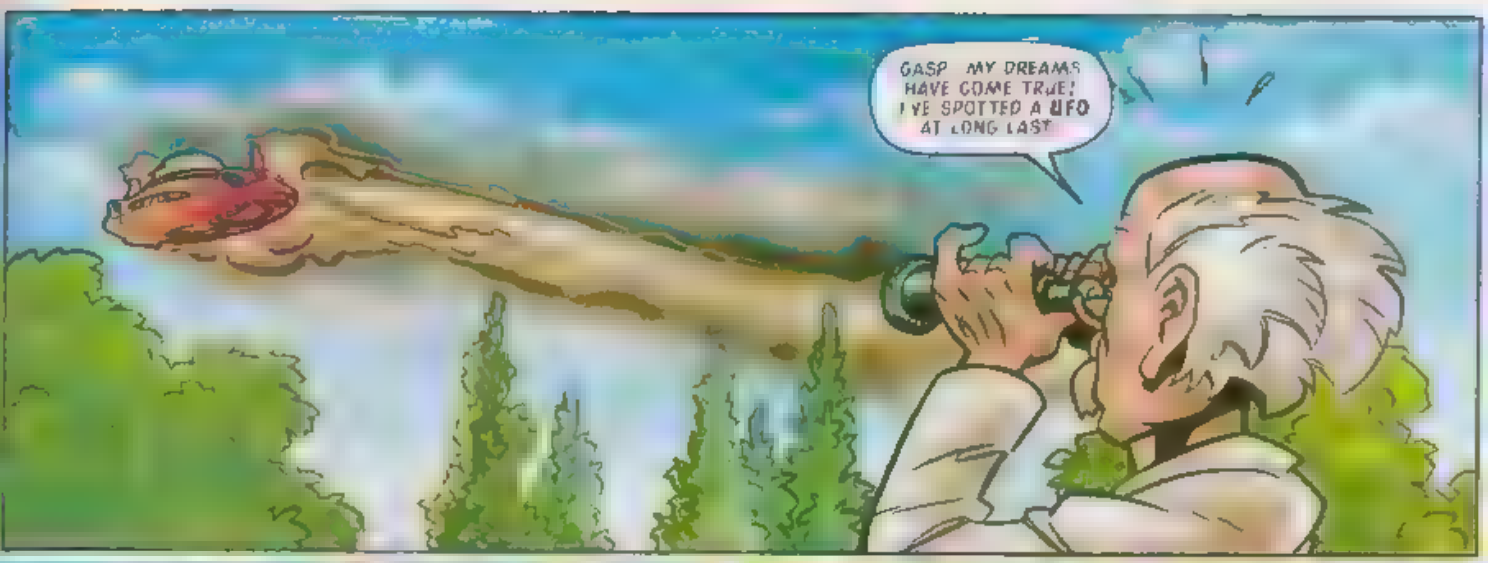
AMY AND TEKNO THE CANARY ARE TRYING TO FIND THEIR WAY BACK TO PLANET MOBIUS AFTER AN ADVENTURE IN DEEP SPACE

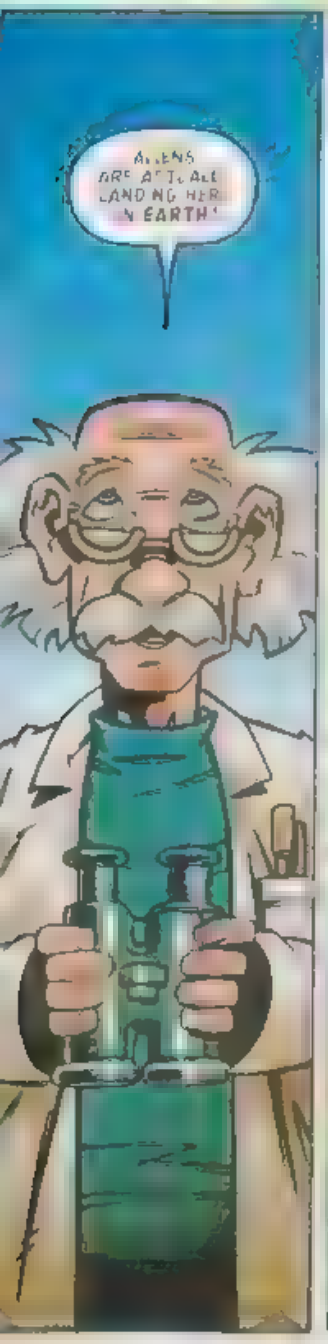
GOOD OF THOSE ALIENS TO GIVE US THIS SPACESHIP AND A MAP EH, AMY?*

MMM. BUT HERE'S THE BAD NEWS, TEKNO WE'RE LOST!

*THE GENEROUS DONATION HAPPENED BETWEEN ISSUES BEFORE YOU ASK, BOOMERS. — Megadroid

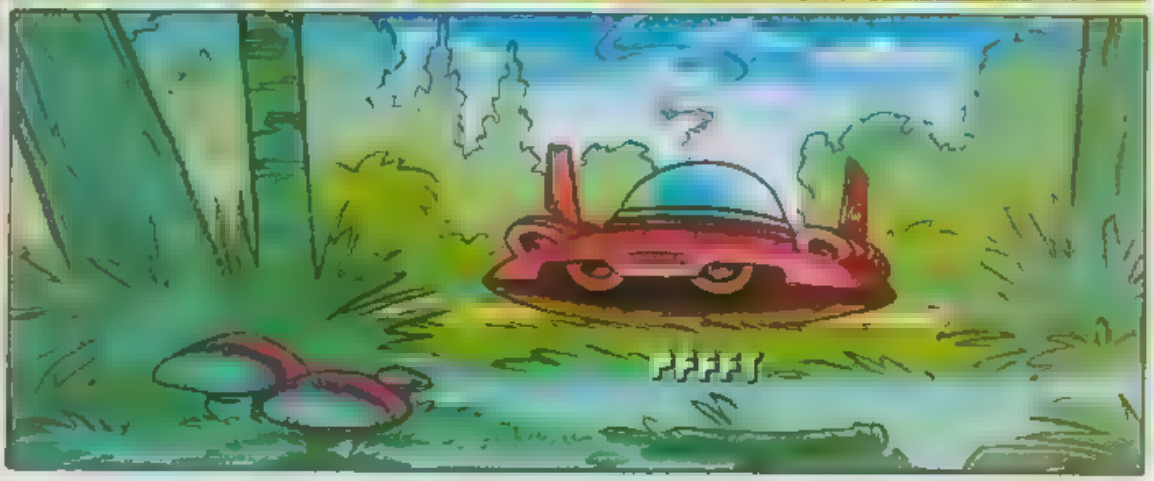



GASP MY DREAMS HAVE COME TRUE! I'VE SPOTTED A UFO AT LONG LAST


ALIENS ARE ATTACKING LANDING HERE IN EARTH!

SKASH!

SCRREEECH!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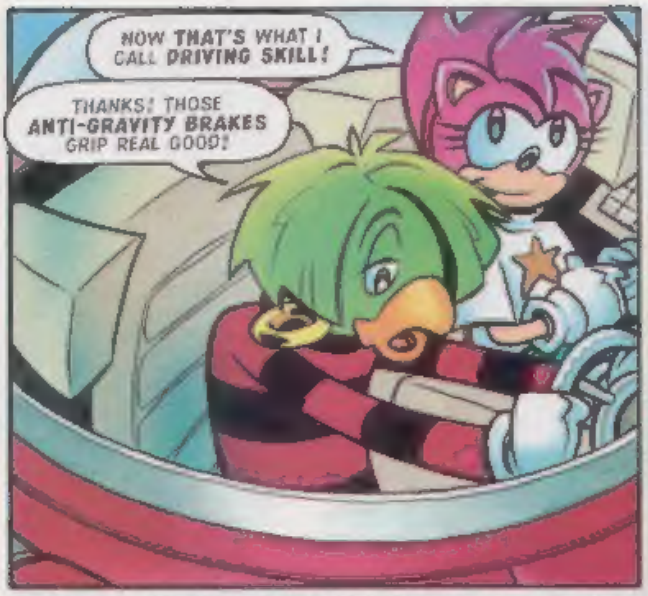
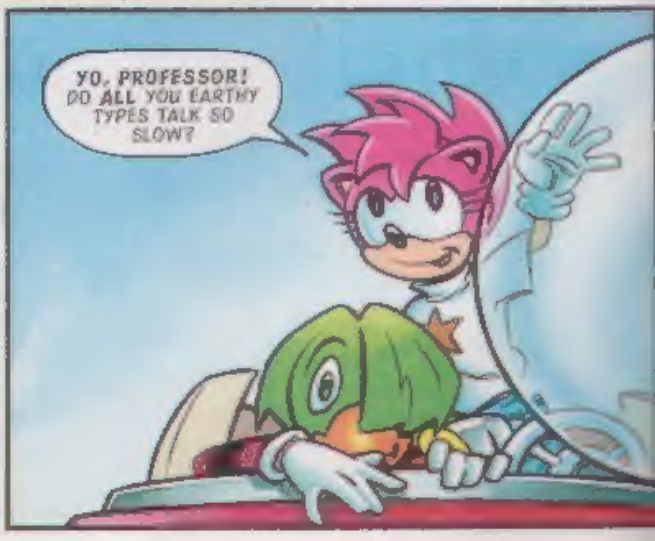
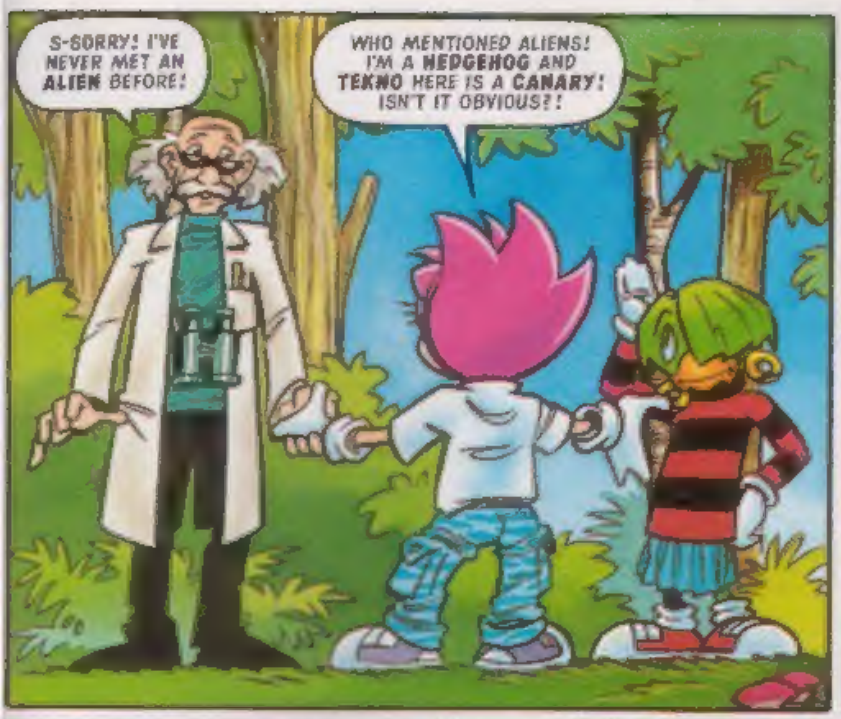

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL DRIVING SKILL!
THANKS! THOSE ANTI-GRAVITY BRAKES GRIP REAL GOOD!

IN A SECRET UNDERGROUND BASE A FEW MILES AWAY, THE LANDING HAS NOT GONE UN-NOTICED...
COLONEL GRANITE! WE HAVE CONFIRMED READINGS OF A DEFINITE UFO LANDING!
I'VE WAITED YEARS FOR THIS!

THIS IS WHAT OPERATION STARWATCH WAS SET UP FOR! CONDITION RED, MEN! WE'VE GOT ALIENS TO CATCH!
SIR! YES, SIR!

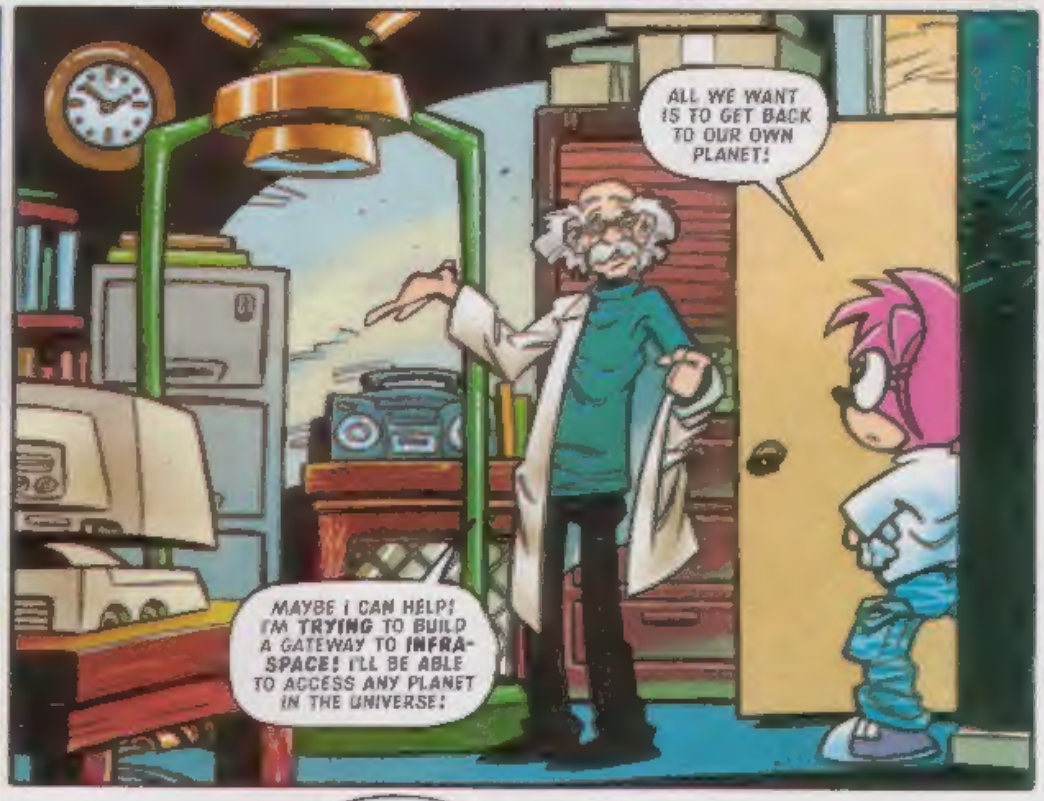
MEANWHILE...
HELLOOO? I... AM... PROFESSOR GRATERMASS... WELL... COME... TO... EARTH!


YO, PROFESSOR! DO ALL YOU EARTHY TYPES TALK SO SLOW?


S-SORRY! I'VE NEVER MET AN ALIEN BEFORE!
WHO MENTIONED ALIENS! I'M A HEDGEHOG AND TEKNO HERE IS A CANARY! ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?!

AHEM! THAT'S WHAT HEDGEHOGS LOOK LIKE IN OUR WORLD!
NOT AS GOODLOOKING, IS IT?

THIS IS AWESOME! YOU TWO COULD BE MORE NEWSWORTHY THAN THOSE OASIS BOYS!
NEVER HEARD OF 'EM!


ALL WE WANT IS TO GET BACK TO OUR OWN PLANET!
MAYBE I CAN HELP! I'M TRYING TO BUILD A GATEWAY TO INFRA-SPACE! I'LL BE ABLE TO ACCESS ANY PLANET IN THE UNIVERSE!

IF I CAN FIGURE HOW TO COMPLETE MY DATA THAT IS!
NOW YOU'RE TALKING!

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